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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 358

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF JOBS IN CONNECTICUT."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (Effective October 1, 2005) The Governor shall review all state contracts in effect on October 1, 2005, and identify any state contracts under which services are being provided outside the United States. Not later than March 1, 2006, the Governor shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to economic development and government administration, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Said report shall list the contracts under which state funds are being paid for services performed outside the United States.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Each request for proposals issued by a state agency for a contract for the performance of services (1) shall require that each proposer submitting a proposal

pursuant to such request disclose the location or locations where the services under the contract and any subcontract under the contract would be performed and whether any such services would be performed outside the United States, and (2) may include criteria for the awarding of the contract that consider the economic impact to Connecticut and residents of the state of the location or locations where services under the contract would be performed and, all other factors in awarding the contract being equal, give a higher rating for services performed in the United States.

- (b) If a state agency awards a contract for the performance of services to a proposer based on criteria that the services under the contract and any subcontract be performed in the United States, such contract shall (1) require the contractor to notify the state agency if such contractor or any subcontractor subsequently performs any of the services under the contract outside the United States, and (2) establish remedies, which may include liquidated damages, if the contractor wilfully or intentionally fails to notify the state agency in the event such contractor or any subcontractor subsequently performs any of the services under the contract outside the United States and the performance of such services in the United States was a material obligation of the contract.
- 37 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section:
 - (1) "State agency" means a department, division, board, commission or other office in the executive branch of the state government or a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120 of the general statutes; and
 - (2) "Privatization contract" means an agreement between a state agency and a nongovernmental person or entity, in which said person or entity agrees to provide services having a cost of one hundred thousand dollars or more over the term of the contract that are substantially similar to and in lieu of services provided, in whole or part, by employees of such state agency or by employees of another

state agency for such state agency. The term "privatization contract" does not include an agreement to provide legal services, litigation support, investment management services or management consulting only.

- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, each privatization contract to which a state agency is a party shall (1) require the contractor to agree and warrant that in the performance of the contract such contractor shall make reasonable efforts to originate or provide such services at a location or locations in the United States, and (2) establish remedies, which may include liquidated damages, if the contractor fails to make reasonable efforts to originate or provide such services at a location or locations in the United States. If the contractor breaches the contract by failing to make reasonable efforts to originate or provide such services at a location or locations in the United States, the state agency may seek enforcement of such remedies.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 4a-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):
 - (c) All open market orders or contracts shall be awarded to (1) the lowest responsible qualified bidder, the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the state government and the delivery terms being taken into consideration and, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best interest of the state, (2) the highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the bid solicitation for the contract, or (3) the proposer whose proposal is deemed by the awarding authority to be the most advantageous to the state, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the request for proposals, including price and evaluation factors. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary, each state agency awarding a

contract through competitive negotiation shall include price as an explicit factor in the criteria in the request for proposals and for the contract award. In considering past performance of a bidder for the purpose of determining the "lowest responsible qualified bidder" or the "highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid", the commissioner shall evaluate the skill, ability and integrity of the bidder in terms of the bidder's fulfillment of past contract obligations and the bidder's experience or lack of experience in delivering supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services of the size or amount for which bids have been solicited. In determining the lowest responsible qualified bidder for the purposes of this section, the commissioner may give a price preference of up to ten per cent for (A) the purchase of goods made with recycled materials or the purchase of recyclable or remanufactured products if the commissioner determines that such preference would promote recycling or remanufacturing. As used in this subsection, "recyclable" means able to be collected, separated or otherwise recovered from the solid waste stream for reuse, or for use in the manufacture or assembly of another package or product, by means of a recycling program which is reasonably available to at least seventy-five per cent of the state's population, "remanufactured" means restored to its original function and thereby diverted from the solid waste stream by retaining the bulk of components that have been used at least once and by replacing consumable components and "remanufacturing" means any process by which a product is remanufactured; (B) the purchase of motor vehicles powered by a clean alternative fuel; or (C) the purchase of motor vehicles powered by fuel other than a clean alternative fuel and conversion equipment to convert such motor vehicles allowing the vehicles to be powered by either the exclusive use of clean alternative fuel or dual use of a clean alternative fuel and a fuel other than a clean alternative fuel. As used in this subsection, "clean alternative fuel" shall mean natural gas or electricity when used as a motor vehicle fuel. All other factors being equal, (i) preference shall be given to supplies, materials and equipment produced, assembled or manufactured in the state and services originating and provided in the state, and (ii) if no

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bidder or proposer would produce, assemble or manufacture supplies, materials and equipment in the state or originate and provide services in the state, preference shall be given to supplies, materials and equipment produced, assembled or manufactured in the United States and services originating and provided in the United States. If any such bidder refuses to accept, within ten days, a contract awarded to such bidder, such contract may be awarded to the next lowest responsible qualified bidder or the next highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid, whichever is applicable, and so on until such contract is awarded and accepted. If any such proposer refuses to accept, within ten days, a contract awarded to such proposer, such contract shall be awarded to the next most advantageous proposer, and so on until the contract is awarded and accepted. There shall be a written evaluation made of each bid. This evaluation shall identify the vendors and their respective costs and prices, document the reason why any vendor is deemed to be nonresponsive and recommend a vendor for award. A contract valued at one million dollars or more shall be awarded to a bidder other than the lowest responsible qualified bidder or the highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid, whichever is applicable, only with written approval signed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services and by the Comptroller. The commissioner shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, the State Auditors and the Comptroller, an annual report of all awards made pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) There is established within the office of the Attorney General, within available appropriations, an office that shall be responsible for assisting manufacturers and other businesses based in the state in protecting their patents and businesses from unfair and illegal competition from businesses based outside the United States."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 4	October 1, 2005	4a-59(c)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2005	New section